

GEORGE W. FERREE.

JANUARY 28, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ANDREWS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10040.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10040) granting an increase of pension to George W. Ferree, having considered the same, report as follows:

The soldier enlisted September 28, 1861, and was honorably discharged November 1, 1864. He is now pensioned at \$12 per month "for gunshot wounds of left hand and forearm, and for vertigo, result of sunstroke."

It appears that one of his applications for increase, although finally rejected, was submitted for admission for the following reasons:

Rheumatism, palpitation of heart, sunstroke, partial paralysis of right side, impaired hearing of right ear, impaired vision of right eye, headache (vertigo, result of sunstroke), prostration, and general debility.

Affidavits of reputable physicians and others show that the vertigo, resulting from sunstroke received while in the service and in line of duty, has developed into frequent and very severe attacks of true epilepsy; that he is totally unable to perform any manual labor, and that he frequently requires the aid of a physician, his family, and friends.

Your committee therefore urgently recommend the passage of said bill at \$30 per month.